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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

The Lincoln Police Department is investigating the death of a 32 year-old male occurring in the 1300 block of "O" Street. The death is a homicide.

Our staff is working to notify the next of kin of the deceased. The thoughts of the members of the Lincoln Police Department are with his family and friends. We want to extend our appreciation for respecting their privacy and providing an opportunity to grieve his death.

On March 15, 2020, at 1:31 a.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of "O" Street after hearing gunshots. Multiple officers were in the area completing an unrelated investigation and interacting with those patronizing downtown businesses. The officers found an unresponsive male, laying on "O" Street with gunshot wounds. They summoned assistance from Lincoln Fire and Rescue and began CPR. Additional officers attempted to manage the crowds of people and identify witnesses. The male was transported to the hospital where he died at 2:22 a.m.

Lincoln Police Department officers are interviewing witnesses, searching for video that may have captured details of the event, while Crime Scene Investigators are collecting shell casings and documenting forensic evidence. An autopsy had been requested and will confirm the cause of death. Currently, traffic flow is restricted to protect the evidence. Please avoid the area or make plans to use alternate routes.

The initial investigative efforts show a disturbance preceded the shooting. We do not have information that suggests any ongoing threat to the public.

Additional details will be provided at the regular press briefing on March 16, 2020, at 8:45 a.m.

There were a large number of people in the area when the homicide occurred. If anyone has information which may assist in the identification and apprehension of those responsible please call the Lincoln Police Department at 402.441.6000 or Crime Stoppers at 402.475.3600.

